



Spokane

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Service and Protection through Excellence

SMOKE ALARMS

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW TODAY?

The two different technologies used in smoke detectors, **ionization** and **photoelectric**, have been available for 40 years. We know that **photoelectric** detectors sound the alarm much faster in slow-burning, smoldering types of fire.

See the dramatic difference in smoke alarm types at video.today.msnbc.msn.com/today/49269880

CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR STATUS!

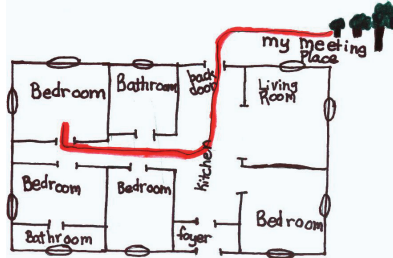
- We have at least one detector on every level of our home.
- We have a detector outside every sleeping area and inside every bedroom.
- We checked the back label on each detector to know the date of manufacture. No detector in our home is more than 10 years old.
- We looked for “ionization” or “photoelectric” or “photo-ion” on the back label of each detector. We know the type of detectors we have!
- We have at least one photoelectric detector on each level of the home.
- Our detectors have “hush buttons” so we don’t ever have to remove a battery to silence a nuisance alarm.
- Our detectors have lithium batteries so we don’t have to replace the 9-volt batteries every year. Lithium batteries will last the life of the smoke detector.
- We test all of our detectors on the first day of every month to make sure they are still working!

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL
Spokane Fire Prevention Bureau at 509.625.7058.**

Take these steps now

Make a Home Fire Escape Plan

- Have 2 ways out!
- Have an outside meeting place for your family!
- Practice your plan!



Have Working and Properly Located Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every floor.
- Test your smoke alarms every month.
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years.



Learn “Hands Only” CPR

Two steps to save a life:



Call Right Away!



Push Hard & Fast in the Center of the Chest!

- Try to wake victim - Check for Breathing.
- If no Breathing - Have someone call 9-1-1.
- Push hard & Fast in Center of the Chest.
- Download the Pulse Point Mobile App

Make sure your address can be seen!

- At least 4 inch high numbers.
- Numbers color contrasts well.
- Use numbers vs. words.
- Bushes/ trees trimmed from numbers.



Are you and your family prepared?

- Do you need a **fire escape ladder**? Are basement windows large enough for an emergency exit?
- Assign a **buddy** to family members needing extra help.
- Double-key **deadbolt** locks and metal window **bars** have proven deadly.
- Remind everyone to **crawl low below the smoke** and quickly go out to the meeting place.
- **Get out and stay out!** Never go back into a burning building.
- Once everyone is at the meeting place, use a cell phone or send someone to **call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's house**.

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